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WITH WEOS IN GENEVA

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1. ON JUNE 30 AT THE U.S. MISSION GENEVA FRANK SIEVERTS
(DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS) MET
WITH WEO MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COM-
MISSION (HRC) TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION 9
(XXIV) OF THE HRC AND TO REPORT WHAT U.S. ACTION IS BEING
TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THAT DECISION. SIEVERTS EXPLAINED
THAT IN ADDITION TO INTERVIEWS WITH KAMPUCHEAN REFUGEES
IN THAILAND, THE U.S. WOULD SUBMIT OTHER DOCUMENTARY
EVIDENCE SUPPORTING ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
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IN THAT COUNTRY. SIEVERTS URGED THAT PARTICIPANTS AT
THE MEETING ASK THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER MAKING
SUBMISSIONS TO THE UNHR SUB-COMMISSION, STRESSING THAT
THE DEADLINE FOR SUCH DOCUMENTATION IS JULY 15. IN LIEU
OF FACTUAL INFORMATION, WHICH MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE TO
ALL GOVERNMENTS, SIEVERTS SUGGESTED THAT EXPRESSIONS OF
CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN KAMPUCHEA BE

FORWARDED TO THE SUB-COMMISSION.

2. A MAJORITY OF THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING (AUSTRIA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, DENMARK, THE FRG, FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN AND THE UK) REPLIED TO SIEVERTS BY STATING THAT THEY COULD NOT COMMENT ON WHAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS PLANNED TO DO REGARDING DECISION 9 BUT THEY WOULD CONTACT THEIR CAPITALS IMMEDIATELY FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE.

3. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NETHERLANDS (VAN NOUHUYS) AND THE FRG (VON TRESKOW) STATED IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD MAKE SUBMISSIONS AGAINST THE DRK BUT WOULD TAKE PART IN THE DEBATE ON THE ISSUE AT THE 35TH SESSION OF THE HRC.

4. THE UK REP (SNOXELL) SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SUBMIT TO THE SUB-COMMISSION A 20 OR 30 PAGE DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE INTERVIEWS WITH KAMPUCHEAN REFUGEES FOLLOWED BY AN ANNEX OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN BY THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

5. CANADIAN REP (CHANDLER) ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOC WOULD FORWARD TO THE SUB-COMMISSION THE HOUSE OF COMMONS' RESOLUTION WHICH REFLECTS CONCERN ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA. BEYOND THAT CHANDLER WAS NOT AWARE OF AND, THEREFORE, COULD NOT COMMENT ON FURTHER GOC ACTIONS.

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6. LARS GRUNDWALD (SWEDEN) NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS ONE OF THE FEW TO BE INVITED OFFICIALLY TO VISIT KAMPUCHEA. HE SURMISED THAT THE GOS MIGHT, AT SOME FUTURE TIME, BE PLACED IN THE POSITION OF MEDIATING BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD. SWEDEN, HE FELT, WOULD NOT WANT TO DAMAGE ITS POTENTIAL GOOD OFFICE'S ROLE BY MAKING A COMPLAINT AGAINST KAMPUCHEA AT THIS TIME.

7. THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH WEOS PROMISING TO REPORT TO MISSION GENEVA DECISIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON THE KAMPUCHEAN SITUATION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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